

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

As far as I know, we have not changed the name of this country to 'United Republicans of America.' It is irresponsible for Sinclair to broadcast their personal political beliefs on public airwaves they license from all of the U.S. citizens. They surely have gone beyond the point of the law in this matter. I ask that you stop them or demand equal time and opportunity for a rebuttal from John Kerry's side, in a media of the Democrats making. If one, 45 minute infomercial is allowed for the Republicans, the same should be allowed for the Democrats.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.